II. Please find a listing of claims amended to align them with US patent practice

1. (original) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form containing, as an active ingredient, a substituted imidazole derivative of general formula (I):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R_1 & Y & R_3 \\
R_2 & N-H
\end{array} \qquad (I)$$

wherein Y is -CH₂- or -CO-, R₁ is halo or hydroxy, R₂ is H or halo, and R₃ is H or lower alkyl (e.g. C₁ to C₄ alkyl, preferably C₁ or C₂ alkyl), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, such as an acid addition salt, e.g. the hydrochloride, of a compound of the general formula (I), so as to promote pre-gastric absorption of the active ingredient.

- 2. (original) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 1, which is formulated to disintegrate within 10 seconds of being placed in the oral cavity.
- 3. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim [1 or] 2, which comprises a network of the active ingredient and a water-soluble or water-dispersible carrier which is inert towards the active ingredient, the network having been obtained by subliming solvent from a composition in the solid state, said composition comprising the active ingredient and a solution of the carrier in a solvent.
- 4. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 3] <u>claim 4</u>, [containing] <u>additionally comprising</u> one or more matrix forming agents.
- 5. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 4, wherein the matrix forming agents comprise one or more of gelatin and a cyclic sugar.

- 6. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 5, wherein the matrix forming agents comprise gelatin and at least one cyclic sugar.
- 7. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim [5 or]6, wherein the gelatin is fish gelatin.
- 8. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any one of claims 4 to 7] claim 6, wherein the cyclic sugar is mannitol.
- 9. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any one of claims 4 to 7] claim 6, wherein [the sugar is a cyclic sugar] the matrix forming agent(s) includes an amino acid.
- 10. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any one of claims 4 to 9] claim 4, wherein the matrix forming agent(s) includes an amino acid.
- 11. (original) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in claim 10, wherein the amino acid is glycine.
- 12. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein Y is $-CH_2$.
- 13. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein R_1 is halo or hydroxy.
- 14. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein R₁ is halo.
- 15. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein R₁ is 5-halo.

- 16. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein R_1 is fluoro.
- 17. (currently amended] A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein R_2 is hydrogen.
- 18. (currently amended) A fast-dispersing, solid dosage form as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1 wherein R_3 is ethyl.
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